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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 20th, 1897.

The fact of the Tapinghuan property  
hanging over the market would seem to  
have led to a combination amongst land  
jobbers and speculators to refrain from  
buying at the present time, either Govern-  
ment or private land, with a view to knock-  
ing down prices, forcing the hands of the  
Government, and ultimately being able to  
obtain the valuable resumed area for a  
merely nominal consideration. Most of the  
privately owned property that has been  
offered for sale by auction within the last  
few months has been bought in, the highest  
offer received not reaching the reserve, and  
it was a foregone conclusion that in face  
of the combination that has been formed  
the Tapinghuan lots were put up for  
sale the other day would not be disposed  
of. It is to be hoped, however, that the  
Government will not allow itself to be  
frightened or cajoled into sacrificing public  
property for the enrichment of private in-  
dividuals. We note that the Hongkong  
Telegraph accuses the Government of  
ignorance of "the simplest elements of  
business" because it put up the Taping-  
huan lots at "absolutely prohibitive prices,"  
the said absolutely prohibitive prices being  
simply the cost of the land to the Govern-  
ment plus the cost of the improvements  
that have been effected. As the price paid  
for the resumption was extravagant, it is  
possible the Government may not be able  
to recoup itself in full for the expenditure,  
but we feel that it can be secured to  
do so. It is the interests of the public that  
the Government has to consider, not the  
interests of the land jobber. It is quite  
a mistake to suppose that selling public  
land at low prices leads to low rents, for  
as soon as the land has passed into the  
hands of a private owner the latter natu-  
rally tries to make all he can out of it,  
irrespective of what it cost him. Some time  
ago a piece of land purchased from the Govern-  
ment changed hands again the next day at a  
profit of over fifty per cent. and the second  
transfer was entered upon asked a price  
that would have yielded him a profit of

over a hundred per cent. How, then,  
would the prospective tenant profit by the  
fact of the land having originally been  
obtained from the Government at a low  
rate, seeing that the rent would be  
calculated to yield a profit on the value  
of the land as appraised by the actual  
owner? In the same way, how would the  
public be benefited by the Tapinghuan  
lots being disposed of by the Government at  
prices which would allow of the purchasers  
reselling them for double what they gave  
for them? The best policy for the Govern-  
ment will be to hold the land until it  
receives bona fide applications for it and  
then sell it in lots to suit the prospective  
purchasers. The lots put up the other  
day had not been applied for and they  
were put up in sizes suitable only for the  
erection of single houses. Probably the  
land would be in better demand if offered  
in lots that would permit of the erection  
of rows of houses by the purchasers, as this  
would mean economy in building and a  
more profitable investment. But it would  
seem in any case more expedient to hold  
the land until it is applied for and to let  
the land jobbers understand at the outset  
that they will not be allowed to bleed  
the public so severely. If it betrays igno-  
rance of the simplest elements of business to  
ask cost price for the land we trust the Govern-  
ment will at least not let it go for very  
much below its real value.

In his last annual report the Registrar-  
General says: "Quarterly passes are now  
issued to the extent of fourteen or fifteen  
thousand, and, as there is no means of  
detecting the transfer of these passes to  
persons who are not really the holders of  
them, there appears to be a danger of the  
pass becoming a protection for rather than  
a safeguard against persons who are on  
"evil bent. In the opinion of many the  
"time has now arrived when the pass system  
"might be with advantage abolished in  
"ordinary times and enforced only on occa-  
"sions of an unusual nature." At the last  
meeting of the Legislative Council an Or-  
dinance was passed effecting an amend-  
ment of the law in the sense recommended by  
the Registrar-General, and the colony is to be  
heavily congratulated thereupon. The  
night pass system has in its actual working  
proved the occasion of a number of crimes,  
injuries and of State-encouraged crime.  
Thousands of men guilty of no moral offence  
have been fined and imprisoned under it,  
and frequently under circumstances of con-  
siderable cruelty. The Government has  
never enforced the law continuously for any  
very long period, but simply by fits and  
starts; after it had been allowed to remain  
in abeyance for a time it would suddenly be  
revived, according to the fancy of the officials  
who happened to be responsible for the  
matter at the time, and with little or no  
warning, so that large numbers of respect-  
able persons were apprehended, some of  
them simply for crossing the street from  
a friend's house to their own. Even if  
it could be shown that any advantage  
attached to the law the disadvantages  
greatly outweighed it. But it never has  
been shown that the law has proved of any  
use whatever, nor that it has so surely  
its effect on the criminal classes being purely  
a matter of conjecture. If it kept bad charac-  
ters in-doors at night, that would be an  
advantage undoubtedly, but it has been  
suggested on the other hand that thieves  
and burglars frequently sent a confederate  
ahead to be arrested for not having a pass,  
the policeman being thus taken off his beat  
for the time being and leaving the way clear  
for the commission of the intended crime, the  
effect being to keep the streets clear of  
policemen instead of clear of bad characters;  
and according to the Registrar-General, who  
ought to know, there is no reason why the  
bad characters themselves should not obtain  
pass papers if they so desire. However  
that may be, it is a matter of satisfaction that  
the immense amount of injustice of which the  
law in question has been the occasion is now  
to be brought to an end.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held  
this afternoon.

Lady Buller leaves Yokohama by the Empress  
of Japan for London via Canada.

The P. & O. steamer Hydaspes, left Bombay  
for this port on the 15th inst.

The P. & O. steamer Peshawar left Singapore  
for this port on the 17th inst.

The steamer Kulsang, from Calcutta and  
Straits, left Singapore for this port yesterday  
at 6.00 a.m.

The O. P. steamer Hengshing left Yokohama  
for Canton on Monday, the 17th  
inst., at noon.

The O. S. S. Co's steamer Pyralis, from  
Liverpool, left Singapore on Tuesday afternoon  
for this port, expected here on Thursday, the  
24th inst.

Mr. Byron Brown, H.M. Consul at Canton,  
who has been invalided, left for home  
yesterday by the O. P. steamer Empress of  
Japan. As the latter passed the Norddeutscher  
Lloyd steamer, the Empress of Japan, was  
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Commander, Gun-Boat, of H.M.S. Nar-  
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Mr. J. R. Ford, of the firm of Ford, Rothery  
& Co., wool brokers, of Sydney, who has  
been paying a visit to the colony, has  
just returned to Australia. His visit to Hong-  
kong was a very successful one, and he has  
arrived at his home in Sydney with a large  
quantity of goods, and a number of orders  
for the resumption of business.

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## VESSELS EXPECTED

THE PRINCE OF WALES.  
The M. M. steamer *Galadison*, w French mail of the 23rd inst, left Sa Wednesday, the 10th inst, at 4 a.m., and expected on or about Saturday, the 22nd inst.  
This Packet brings replies to letters des from Hongkong on the 17th March.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.  
The P. M. steamer *City of Peking* mails, &c., left San Francisco for this p Honolulu, Yokohama, Iulund Sa, Kobe saki, and Shanghai, on the 1st instant.  
The O. & O. steamer *Doric*, with mail, left S. F. on the 10th inst.

The C. P. steamer *Empress of China*,  
 from Vancouver, arrived at Kobe, Nagasaki  
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 THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.  
 The N. Y. K. steamer *Tokio Maru*,  
 Melbourne and ports, left Thursday last  
 for Hongkong, and is expected to be  
 to arrive here on the 21st instant.  
 THE INDIAN MAIL.  
 The steamer *Kulsang*, from Calcutta  
 Straits, left Singapore for this port on  
 19th instant, and is expected to arrive  
 on the 21st instant.  
 MERCHANT STEAMERS.  
 The P. & O. steamer *Hydrades* left  
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 The N. P. steamer *Victoria* arrived at  
 home from Tacoma on the 17th instant  
 and is expected to arrive here on the 21st  
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 The China Mutual steamer *Peking*,  
 from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal  
 3rd instant, and may be considered  
 Singapore on or about the 20th instant.  
 The Rotterdam steamer *Deike Dickman*,  
 Antwerp, and Hamburg, passed the Canal  
 the 24th ult., and may be considered  
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 The N. P. steamer *Victoria* left  
 on Saturday, the 8th instant, and may  
 be expected here on or about the 27th instant.  
 The O. S. S. Co's steamer *Hector*,  
 Liverpool, left Singapore for Hongkong  
 at noon, and is expected to arrive here on  
 the 21st instant.  
 The steamer *Glenloch*, from London  
 Straits, left Singapore for this port on  
 the 19th instant.  
 The steamer *Roadworthy*, from New

left Singapore for Hongkong, on the 16th  
 inst. may be expected here on or about that  
 instant.  
 The O. S. S. Co's steamer *Pyrrhus*  
 Liverpool, left Singapore at noon on the 24th  
 inst. and may be expected here on or about  
 Monday, the 24th instant.  
 C. S. S. Co's steamer *CAVAL*.  
 OUTWARD—13th Apr.—*Opacat*, Methuen  
 20th April—*Glenfarg*, Oldenburg,  
 23rd April—*Glencauler*, 24th April  
*Georgiana*, *Pyrrhus*, *Eschbach*,  
 30th April—*Fernox*, *Tonaria*,  
 4th May—*Falding*, *Astral*, *Altaga*,  
 12th May—*Orestes*, *Preussen*, *Impe-*  
*St. Arnold*. 14th May—*Bismarck*,  
*Georgiana*, *Delft*. 18th May—*A-*  
*Glenorchy*, *Fortuna*.

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 PEAK DELIVERY closes at Post-  
 Office at 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. and after Boxes  
 Cars by 12 and 3.30 o'clock. Trains.  
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 3.30 p.m.  
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A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Hongay.—For Sum, to-day, the instant, at 8.00 A.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Tamsui.—For Penang, day, the 20th inst., at 10.50 A.M.

For Yokohama and Kobe.—For Taiyung day, the 20th inst. at 10.30 A.M.

For Yokohama.—For *Sachura Maru*, the 20th inst., at 10.50 A.M.

For Fuchow.—For *Kansu*, to-day, the instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Chefoo and Tientsin.—For *Taiho*, day, the 20th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Hiohoo and Fathoo.—For *Frederick*, day, the 20th inst., at 5.00 P.M.

For Yokohama and Hioogo.—For *The day*, the 20th inst., at 5.00 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—For *Verena*, to-morrow, the 21st inst., at 11.00 A.M.

For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Hankow.—For *Africa*, to-morrow, the 21st inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Kobe.—Per *Nasip Maru*, to-morrow, the 21st inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Haploong.—Per *Hanes*, to-morrow, the 21st inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane and Melbourne.—Per *Gina Maru*, to-morrow, the 21st inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Manila.—Per *Bennetick*, to-morrow, the 21st inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Meji, Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Emerald*, to-morrow, the 21st inst., at 4.30 P.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Town, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, on Saturday, at instant, at 2.30 r.m.

For Amoy, Shanghai, Yokohama, V.R.C. and Tacoma, Wash.—For Tucson Tuesday, the 25th instant, at 11.30 a.m. For Hongkong, Canton, Cheong, Hong Fusan, Genoa and Vladivostok—For Muru, on Friday, the 4th June, at 3.30 p.m.

**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACIFIC**  
The British Contract Packet *Coronian* is despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 20th inst. with Mails for the United Kingdom, India and countries beyond, via Brindisi; Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Rangoon, Ceylon, Aden, Suez, Malta and Gibraltar, 800 a.m.—Posting of Press Current and circulars ceases.

10.00 a.m.—Registry caresses.

10.30 a.m.—Posting of newspapers, books and parcels.

11.00 a.m.—Mail closes.

**LATE LETTERS** may be posted (from a.m.) with 10 cents late fee up to 11.30 after which hour they may be sent on with the same late fee.

**MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACIFIC**  
The German Contract Packet *Prinz H.* will be despatched on **TUESDAY**, the 19th inst. with Mails for the United Kingdom, India and countries beyond, via Brindisi; Straits Settlements, Batavia, P.

Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c.  
Registry closes at 9:00 A.M.  
The mail closes at 9:30 A.M.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACET**  
The French Contract Packet *Sydney*  
be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the  
10th inst. with Mail to the United Kingdom,  
Saigon, and places beyond, via Mal-  
ta, Saïgon, Sumatra, Soolatama, Batavia,  
Canton, Yokohama, the Australian Colonies,  
Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egyptian, Mal-  
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